

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 11-15 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-8 have been rejected by the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,522,897 to Martek in view of U.S. Patent 4,801,901 to Ayasli. The combination of Martek and Ayasli, even assuming that a motivation exists to combine them which Applicants assert that there is not, does not disclose the features of claims 1-8 of a three port circulator where the high-frequency receive signals received from the antennas are applied to the power divider without undergoing any phase shift along a conductive path of the circuit arrangement or module. Ayasli utilizes bidirectional phase shifters that can be roped together so that the signal undergoes phase shifting but can result in a total phase difference as desired:

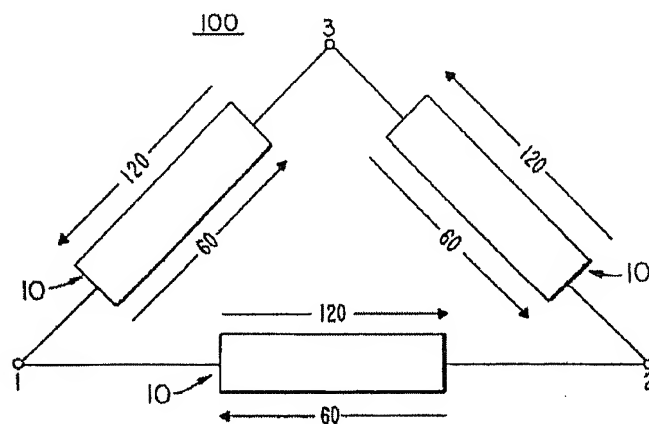


FIG. 7

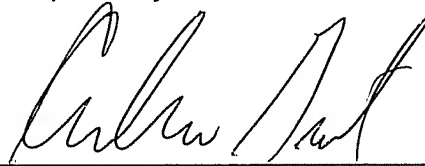
Thus, regardless of the path taken between ports 1, 2 and 3 in Ayasli, the signal will undergo a phase shift. As such, the combination of Martek and Ayasli fail to disclose or

suggest the features of claims 1-8. Newly added claims 11-15 depend from claims 1 and 6, respectively, and thus are also allowable over the cited combination of art.

Accordingly, for at least the above-described reasons, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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